

Gifts to Be Shared

The multiplication of the loaves and fish is a scene commonly sculpted on the tombs of Christians in Rome. These early Christians, an ocean away, not only heard the story but believed it and sealed their lives with it. What powerful message of life and death did they find?

Aside from being a symbol of the Eucharist, the center of early Christian worship then as today, this miracle is a call to generosity. By giving your life to Jesus, he can multiply it and raise it up to new life.

Jesus sees the hunger of the crowd and wants to satisfy them. He asks what provisions they have, and all they can muster is two fish and five loaves. Andrew questions what good that

is for so many. Implicit is that it may be better to save what little there is for themselves.

Jesus sees things differently. He gives thanks for the little they have and has the apostles give it away. He knows the Father will multiply this generosity. Rather than look at what they have as a scarcity of goods, he sees them as gifts to share.

This is the radical change of heart that Jesus asks of us. Everything we have is a gift to be shared. When we live in love, and not in selfish fear of how to satisfy ourselves, then God multiplies what little we have and provides everything we need.

When the Gospel declares the apostles had collected twelve baskets of leftovers, the text shouts that God is a God of abundance, not of scarcity.

For Reflection

Am I generous with my time, treasure, and talent? Do I multiply what I have by giving it to God and others, allowing him to return it to me twelvefold?

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Sarcophagus, Pius-Christian collection, Third century
Artist: Unknown
Location: Vatican Museums

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining.

John 6:11

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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Masses: Cyclone: Sat. 5:30PM & Sun. 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tue, Thurs & Friday: 7AM

Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor for scheduling a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

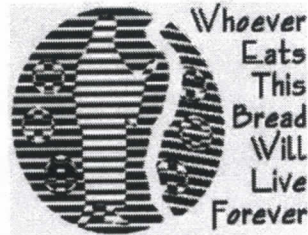
Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

JULY 29, 2018 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The and of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs *Psalm 145*

Today's liturgy brings together several strands of Old Testament expectation to reveal Jesus as Israel's promised Messiah and King, the Lord who comes to feed His people. Notice the parallels between today's Gospel and First Reading. Both Elisha and Jesus face a crowd of hungry people with only a few "barley" loaves. We hear similar words about how impossible it will be to feed the crowd with so little. And in both the miraculous multiplication of bread satisfies the hungry and leaves food left over. The Elisha story looks back to Moses, the prophet who fed God's people in the wilderness. Moses prophesied that God would send a prophet like him. The crowd in today's Gospel, witnessing His miracle, identifies Jesus as that prophet.

The Gospel today again shows Jesus to be the Lord, the good shepherd, who makes His people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them. The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfill His promise, which we sing of in today's Psalm—to give His people food in due season and satisfy their desire. But Jesus points to the final fulfillment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things He does at the Last Supper—He takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, "eucharist", and gives the bread to the people. Notice, too, that twelve baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the Apostles. These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist—in which the Church founded on the Apostles continues to feed us with the living bread of His Body. In this Eucharist, we are made one Body with the Lord, as we hear in today's Epistle. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling.



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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

Ministries for Sunday, August 5

Rosary: Lynne Hornung

Eucharistic Minister: Johnny Winkler

Ushers: Greg Hoelscher & Raymond Tomek

Lector: Jeannine Dohnalik

Offertory: Andy & Patricia LittleJohn

Altar Servers: Chase Hubnik & Cade Hubnik

Sanctuary Light : July 30-August 5—No Intentions



Prayer Chain... Continue to pray for all those in need of prayer especially for John David Thompson, Ethel Marak, Dorothy Vaculin, Raymond Jochech, and Sharon Cartwell (friend of Bram Younts). Prayers for those in need of healing and also our soldiers and our Country. Prayers are powerful and with God nothing shall be impossible. **Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net** to be put on the prayer chain.

MARAK MASSES—July 29– August 5, 2018

Date	Time	Intentions
Today– 7/29	10:15am	+Susan Jochech by Raymond Jochech Family
8/1– Wednesday	5:30pm	+Lawrence Vrazel, Jr. by Jerry & Agnes Kostroun
8/5– Sunday	10:15am	+John & Mary Hubnik by Katherine Hubnik Family

CYCLONE MASSES— July 29—August 5, 2018

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Today – 7/29	8:15am	+Dolores Motl by Norma & Shawn Kahlig
7/31– Tuesday	7:00am	+Lucy Mihatsch by Jerome & Rose Marie Schoppe
8/2—Thursday	7:00am	+Lucy Mihatsch by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
8/3—Friday	7:00am	+Vicki Collins by Monica Mikeska
8/4 – Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+Marvin Wilde by Family
8/5— Sunday	8:15am	+Larry Posvar by Rose Marie & Jerome Schoppe

7/22 Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$1,097.00

7/22 Children's Offering: \$4.00

7/22 Building Fund: \$50.00

Thank you for your Generosity!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **AUGUST 8:** Please submit work list for your picnic booth by August 8th to Jeannine Dohnalik - Email - jwdohnalik@yahoo.com or phone number 254-239-9188.
- **AUGUST 1:** Altar Society Meeting—9AM at Milam County Museum in Cameron.
- **AUGUST 1:** RightWay Imaging will be at St. Ann's Church in Rosebud from 8am-8pm. Informational brochure is included in this week's bulletin.
- **AUGUST 4:** EIM Training—St. Monica's—Cameron—St. Anthony School Library from 9:00-11:00am and **AUGUST 11** from 10:00am—12 Noon in Waco at St. Mary's Church. If you need to renew your EIM certification and/or need assistance in signing up for the workshop, please contact Shirley Hoelscher at 254-541-7950. FYI—All parishioners who are involved in any of the ministries such as Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Teachers, etc. need to attend the EIM training.
- **AUGUST 5:** Building Fund Collection—just a reminder these funds are also used for maintenance and upkeep of all buildings.



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AUGUST 1, 2018


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Stroke is the number 1 reason for nursing home admissions and the #3 killer of men and women
- (2) Thyroid Disease Screening - \$45**




The THYROID gland controls how quickly the body makes proteins and sends hormones into the bloodstream that control energy. This screening may detect the presence of cysts, masses and nodules which can greatly affect your metabolism.
There will be about 60,000+ new cases of thyroid cancer in the U.S. this year
- (3) Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening - \$45**




The ABDOMINAL AORTA is the main artery that comes off of the heart and supplies the body with oxygenated blood. This screening may detect the presence of aneurysm (Balloon in Artery) which typically show little or no symptoms and prove 90% fatal when aneurysm ruptures.
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm rupture is the 13th leading cause of death in the U.S.
- (4) Liver Disease Screening - \$45**




The LIVER regulates most chemical levels in the blood, processes these chemical, and breaks down nutrients and drugs into forms that are easier for the body to process. This screening may detect the presence of cysts, masses or enlargements which may cause the passage of disease from one organ to another.
1 in every 10 Americans have been affected with liver and biliary disease
- (5) Left Kidney Disease Screening - \$45**




The LEFT KIDNEY performs the essential functions that remove waste products from the blood and regulate water fluid levels. This screening may detect the presence of cysts, masses, enlargements, kidney stones, and other obstructions affecting its function which could cause build-up of toxins and fluid in the blood.
26 Million American adults have Kidney Disease and millions are at increased risk
- (6) Right Kidney Disease Screening - \$45**




The RIGHT KIDNEY performs the essential functions by removing waste products from the blood and regulating water fluid levels. This screening may detect the presence of cysts, masses, enlargements, kidney stones, and other obstructions affecting its function which could cause build-up of toxins and fluid in the blood.
Kidney Disease put you more at risk of Heart Attacks or Stroke and shows little to no symptoms
- (7) Gallbladder Disease Screening - \$45**




The GALLBLADDER is the organ that receives bile from the liver and stores it until it is needed in the digestive system to break down fats and cholesterols. This screening may detect the presence of cysts, masses, gallstones, and other obstructions affecting its function which could cause build-up of toxins and fluid in the blood.
Gallstones cause more than 800,000 hospitalizations in the U.S. each year
- (8) Spleen Screening - \$45**



The SPLEEN plays an important role in regard to red blood cells and the immune system. The spleen recycles iron in the blood stream, removes old red blood cells and holds a reserve of blood in case of oxygen loss. This screening may detect the presence of cysts, masses and enlargements which show little or no symptoms.
The Spleen is crucial in fighting infections of the body
- (9) ECG-EKG Heart Monitoring Screening - \$45**



This test is an electrocardiogram of the heart. It checks for an irregular heart beat and some heart disfunction.
**An irregular heartbeat, or afib, effect over 2 million Americans and many millions undiagnosed.
- A1C Diabetes Screening - \$45 (Extra)**



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Calendar

Monday

July 30
Weekday
Jer 13:1-11
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola,
Priest
Jer 14:7-22
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Jer 15:10, 16-21
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

August 2
Weekday
Jer 18:1-6
Mt 13:47-53

Friday

August 3
Weekday
Jer 26:1-9
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

August 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest
Jer 26:11-16, 24
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

August 5
Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15
Eph 4:17, 20-24
Jn 6:24-35

Dear Padre,

What is the “gospel of prosperity?” I heard a televangelist say it’s the Lord’s will that all people have cars in the driveway and money in the bank.

If there is a “gospel of prosperity,” Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn’t write it, and it isn’t about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called “Gospels of poverty.” Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had he wished to extol riches and prosperity, he could have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable and not well-to-do parents.

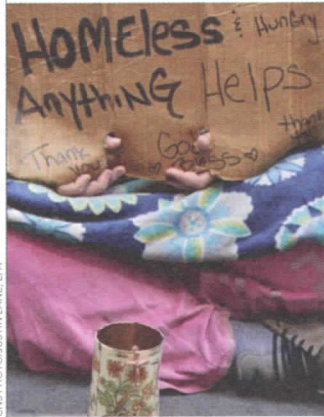
Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke deals with it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned because he was of, and dealt with, people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although “nothing will be impossible with God” (1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle (18:25). It’s easier for that to happen than for a rich person to enter the kingdom. Scary words.

Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It’s what wealth does to people—why they accumulate it. When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God, growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded.

It sounds like the televangelist may have written the so-called “gospel of prosperity” himself, perhaps justifying his own gains. I hope not, because getting rich off the message of Christ is also contrary to the gospel.

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A Word From Pope Francis



Love is not a word, it is a deed, a service ... Furthermore, it is expressed in the sharing of material goods, so that no one be left in need. This sharing with and dedication to those in need is the lifestyle that God suggests, even to non-Christians, as the

authentic path of humanity.

—Jubilee Audience, March 12, 2016